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JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS **WIDER REACH FOR TOLL FREE TRAFFIC INFORMATION**

San Bernardino County – With the winter season rapidly approaching, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has expanded the coverage zone for its toll-free telephone service of latest traffic information on California roadways. The new system began on November 1st and travelers are now able to access the voice-activated Caltrans Highway Information Network (CHIN) in southern Nevada by dialing 1-800 427-ROAD.

Residents and travelers will be able to utilize the 1-800 system from the Las Vegas area and all regions within the 702 Area Code. Nevada residents making the return trip from California will be able to access the toll-free number from their Nevada-based cell phones.

By expanding immediate, toll-free access to the most current California highway information available, Caltrans hopes to ease travel planning for motorists traversing the busy trans-State highways during upcoming winter season as well as all during the summer construction period.

The CHIN is utilized by more than five million callers annually, making it an essential point of contact motorists across the Golden State. Recent improvements to the system ensure that an unlimited number of calls can be simultaneously handled without delay. This means that a busy signal will not be received when a traveler calls 1-800-427-ROAD (7623) for the latest California highway condition information.

For information regarding Nevada highways, motorists can call 775-793-1313.

The 1-800 427-ROAD system was established in 1994. Since it began, more than 62 million requests for traffic information have been handled by the Caltrans Highway Information Network.

For information on roadwork in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, you may also access our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist8 and go to "Press Releases" or call our Public Affairs office at (909) 383-4631.

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